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**Office Action Summary**

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Examiner

Cassandra Cox

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 June 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 4-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 8-17 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4-7 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 03 December 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Objections*

1. Claims 1 and 18 are objected to because of the following informalities: In lines 3 and 6 of claims 1 and 18 replace "up" with --on--. Appropriate correction is required.

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hong (U.S. Patent No. 5,869,978).

In reference to claim 1, Hong discloses in Figure 13 a circuit comprising: a first inverter (131) having an input terminal and an output terminal, the input terminal functions as an input terminal of the power-up bias circuit, wherein the input terminal of the power-on bias circuit is further in electrical communication with a core voltage input terminal (this is seen to be true because any signal input into the input terminal will have an associated voltage); a second inverter (134) having an input terminal and an output terminal, the output terminal of the second inverter functions as the output terminal for the power-up bias circuit; and a Schmitt Trigger circuit (132) having an input terminal and an output terminal, wherein the input terminal of the Schmitt Trigger circuit (132) is connected to the output terminal of the first inverter (131), the output terminal of the Schmitt Trigger circuit (132) is connected to the input terminal of the second inverter

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(134), the first inverter (131), the second inverter (134) and the Schmitt Trigger circuit (132) are each in electrical communication with a voltage input terminal ( $V_{DD}$ ) and ground ( $V_{SS}$ ), wherein the voltage input terminal is an input/output voltage input terminal. The same applies to claim 18.

#### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

4. Claims 4-7 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

5. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Claims 4-7 would be allowable because the closest prior art of record fails to disclose a circuit as shown in Figure 4 wherein the substrates of the first and second inverter transistors have the specific connections recited in the claim in combination with the rest of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims.

#### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to whose telephone number is 571-272-1741. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM and on alternate Fridays from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Timothy Callahan can be reached on 571-272-1740. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

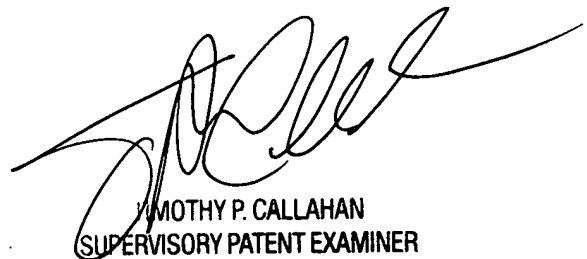
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